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Draft memo for Working Group on Classification, Codewords, Compartmentation, Security Source Indicators

1. I appreciate all of your willingness to tackle this complex and vexing topic. In my view, our existing system is:

- a. Unnecessarily complex;
- b. Difficult for the individual to understand;
- c. Unable to effectively provide distinctive compartmentation as necessary;
- d. Often revealing rather than protective.

seeking to establish an overall system

2. In seeking to establish a new overall system for the United States Government, I request that you keep the following objectives in mind:

- a. A system that ~~will~~ can be readily explained to anyone entering into it for the first time. The individual should know where he stands within the clearance program and what limits there are on his ~~position~~.
- b. The system should encourage maximum movement out of special access categories into the basic Confidential/Secret/Top Secret security system.
- c. And further encourage the total declassification of systems and information whenever possible.

d. The instructions for controlling and protecting information should be simplified. Conflicts and differences between control systems for Imagery, SIGINT, and HUMINT intelligence should be common insofar as possible. We need to make ~~a decision~~ it as simple as possible for individuals,

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organizations, contractors, etc., to carry out these stipulations.

e. It is particularly important to find ways to separate knowledge of the operations of our systems from knowledge of the product. To begin with, only thus can we hope to move the product into the non-codeword category. Beyond that, there is so little reason for most people to ~~know~~ understand the operation of the systems, yet they inherently come to do so by virtue of having a requirement for access to the product.

3. Then pick it up with: Attached is a chart of the existing classification, clearance, compartment and source indicator system. My comments on this: The DCI "must personally approve all compartments in writing." I don't see that in the excerpt from the Executive Order you gave me. Is Marv wrong?